

Strand Historic District,
Wood-Rosenfield-House-Berlocher Buildings
2213-2223 Strand
Galveston
Galveston County
Texas

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WOOD-ROSENFELD-HOUSE-BERLOCHER BUILDINGS

Location: 2213-2223 Strand, Galveston, Galveston County, Texas.

Historical Information:

Originally composed of several buildings, the fire of February 24, 1870 destroyed the entire block. The Wood-Rosenfield-House-Berlocher buildings were rebuilt in 1871 and contained a uniform front facade.

E.S. Wood Building, 2213-2215 Strand. Originally built in 1859 by E.S. Wood, one of the leading hardware merchants in the Southwest, the building contained an elaborate iron front and was topped by an iron cornice.

J. Rosenfield and Company, 2217 Strand. This section of the building was first occupied by Rosenfield in 1895-96.

T.W. House Building, 2219 Strand. Colonel House was a commission merchant who resided in Houston and conducted his business in Galveston. House ran the largest wholesale and dry goods concern in the state.

John Berlocher Building, 2221-2223 Strand. John Berlocher, a native of Switzerland, originally owned three buildings on this block. The fire of 1870 destroyed all three and caused financial ruin for Berlocher. Rebuilt in 1871, the site at 2221-2223 was occupied by Blum Hardware until 1910 when the Block Hardware Company purchased the western portion of the row.